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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

OKAZAKI et al.

Serial No. 09/705,661

Filed: November 3, 2000

Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF ACRYLIC ACID AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCTION OF ACRYLIC ACID

Customer No.

26817

Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: NECKEL, Alexa D.

Confirmation No. 6250

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

During a telephonic interview of April 17, 2006, claims 8 and 14 were discussed. Claim amendments were discussed to address the limitation of means for supplying a liquid coolant. The Examiner, Alexa D. Neckel, indicated that in order for weight to be given to the material

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being supplied, the claims would need to recite "a source of" the specific material. The Examiner also indicated that the recitation of pressures continue to be operational conditions not given weight in an apparatus claim.

Applicants submitted an Amendment dated April 19, 2006 including claims directed to the Examiner's suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 1, 2006

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